

courts; "for I say unto you that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven." Do you think that any of your interests will be neglected or overlooked there? Ought you to be worried, or anxious, or impatient, or discouraged, or unbelieving?

Text: 1 Cor. 2:2. "For I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified."

Paul proves in this verse that he was both a gentleman and a Christian. He was probably the most learned man of his times, and of all places and of all peoples, at Corinth and among the Corinthians was the strongest temptation for a man to make a display of his intellectual accomplishments. He was perhaps the most able and eloquent orator of his times, and of all places and among all peoples, here was the opportunity to distinguish himself. He did distinguish himself, but it was by hiding his personal gifts behind a humility and a self abasement and self effacement which made him appear contemptible in the eyes of these pretentious Corinthians,—but he exalted Christ. He preached this Jewish Savior to these proud Greeks, not as a divine philosopher, which might have somewhat placated their intellectual pride, but he put him forth in his most unpopular light, as a crucified malefactor, undeservingly suffering the penalty under the law which these real malefactors, these fine Corinthians themselves deserved.

The world is yet full of pleasure loving Corinthians who like better the *eloquence* of an oration than the soundness of its doctrine; who exalt mind culture above heart culture and soul culture; who are refined, esthetic, and—godless; who trifle away life in numberless frivolities, intellectual and social; who are bored with God and delighted with a clown. An earnest, honest man had better preach to the heathen, to savages and other outcasts than to this refined and elegant flotsam of society. What courage and faith the Apostle displayed in going among them at all.

And how much better after all is the wisdom of God than the wisdom of men. This beautiful frost work of a godless intellectuality but thinly disguises a gulf. How gorgeous are the splendors of that ice palace,—but it is the palace of Death. Thou pampered mind, but beggared and starved soul, how much better it would be to know Christ only, and him crucified,—to know him as your Savior, and then upon this good foundation to build up the whole man in a rounded and harmonious perfection, having access to "the treasures of wisdom and knowledge which are in Him."

#### Brevities

C. E. World.

Liberty is the right to set others free.

The more abundant life is fruit of salvation.

The soul of every sermon is breathed into it by the hearers

That is the true life which is every day truer.

## The Mission Field

### CHICAGO MISSION

Again I write a few lines. We are not idle but pressing on over the rough road. Since my return from District conference where we had a glorious refreshing and filling up of spiritual good, one, a mother, has been buried in baptism. She and her husband are both taking hold in the Sunday school. The Lord is helping us, bless his holy name. We feel your deep interest, and earnest, pleading prayers for us and the work here. God is helping us to sow the seed, some day the harvest. Cold weather is coming on. We need coal and kindling, more light, for the evenings are dark now. On this account the expenses are heavier.

### MISSION OF MERCY

One Thursday late in the afternoon, I called to see some Juniors and their parents, this was not the first time though. They had seemed to be getting along slowly and with much care, enough to get along, but a crisis had come. Father was home sick, had been out looking for work. Ten living children, two eldest are caring for themselves now, and only two smaller ones are working, and that only lately. The mother (expectant mother) met me at the door. "Oh, Sister Gibbons, God help us." These words were sobbed out on my shoulder. "What is the trouble? Sit down and tell me." She did so. "You see our goods are gone. I would not care so much for the things in this room, but our beds and bedding are gone, save one old spring and a few old covers, you know what they are, those you helped me fix. We had them all paid for but \$7.00 and the men came and just took them regardless of all I could do or say. I missed this last month's payment. I wrote the Co., that I could not make the payment this month but would soon. They had not much more than got the letter, until they sent and took the goods all. Our rent is past due. In my condition I have no bed to lie on." Sobs choked her and she could say no more. Did my heart ache for her? I know yours does as you read this. I had no money to help them. I comforted her as best I could, telling her God would provide. With a few words of cheer, asking her and her sick husband to trust the Lord, I went out bearing their burden. I have known the family for some time now. About 1½ years ago they mortgaged their household goods in sickness and lost them. Since then they had gotten these other goods, lost them too. That is a scheme of some of such companies to get two prices for their goods.

What did I do? God helped me. I canvassed over quite a little territory and collected a little money. Several of the sisters donated, and Saturday, a rainy day, a sister and myself purchased a mattress and some other articles. Another sister helped me secure a bedstead and a mattress. The family do not claim the Lord as their guide and leader. This is the saddest part. Pray for

them. They did appreciate what we could do, and they thanked God as well as us.

The next was to get a physician in time of need. I found one. If they would only call the Great Physician. I trust they will. May the Lord help us, one and all to labor earnestly and harder than ever before for him and his cause.

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### Pennsylvania Mission Board

#### ANOTHER CALL

Since our State conference it seems the Home Mission fund is all lost sight of. I have received no money from any source outside of Brother Spanogle's charge, save \$6 83 collected by the Brethren S. S. of Johnstown, Pa., in response to the call made for Sunday schools of Pennsylvania for last Sunday of June. All of these funds are needed to pay the interest on the debt, we are carrying. The note of \$170 is due on us the third time and renewed. The Lord bless Brother Spanogle. If he does not always get to convention he remembers the needs of the church. What will you do brethren? Let the cause die? and Mission Board "break up," to use an old Pennsylvania term. We expect to contribute for this purpose at our communion season before we wash feet and take the sacred emblems. We will feel better when we do that. What will you do? A sister in this vicinity has laid a good pattern for some of us. She is a sister of Jas. Hunt of Johnstown, Pa. She set apart a portion of her poultry product and came with \$5.00 for General Mission purposes. Who will follow?

R. Z. REPLOGLE, Sec'y.

## Church News

### North Georgetown, Ohio

This congregation has no pastor this year, and church interest is not quite up to the standard, nevertheless we are doing what we can toward keeping pace with time. We see in No. 40 of the EVANGELIST of brother J. M. Bowman's ramblings thro Ohio. Wish you would ramble by our way soon and give us a few spicy sermons. Brother and Sister Darling of Pittsburg favored us on Sunday last by meeting with us and Brother Darling gave us three very instructive sermons. It did us much good and we feel under obligations for this kindness of Brother Darling. The Sunday school is in very good working order with brother M. F. Hestand as superintendent and brother Sherman Ritchie, assistant. Since the death of the president, the Sisters' Society has been at a stand-still. We hope it will renew its efforts and do good work for the Master. This church is looking over the field for a pastor to preach for us after April 1, 1899. Any minister looking up a field of labor might do well to correspond as the time is fast approaching. We are seriously considering about holding communion this fall if we can get some minister